

2015 STOP-DWI Winter Classic

Day Two – December 5, 2015



Aldo Rossi, Jr. Police Memorial Game

Blue Police Team.....	51
White Police Team.....	49

Binghamton Patrolman Dan Ostanek netted the game-winning jumper from the right elbow as time expired handing the Blue Police Team a 51-49 comeback victory over the White Police Team, Saturday evening in the Aldo Rossi, Jr. Police Memorial Game at the 24th STOP-DWI Winter Classic.

The Blue Team erased a 20-point deficit in the final 10 minutes thanks to 15 second-half points from Art Williams. The Binghamton Patrolman ignited a 26-3 run over the final 10 minutes of the contest with three triples. Williams added four assists including the setup for Ostanek's game-winner. Led by Jason Miller, the White Team extended its 10-point halftime lead to as much as 20 behind seven early second-half points from the New York State Investigator. Sheriff Investigator Tom Sienko put back a miss by Miller giving the White Team a 46-26 lead with just over 10 minutes to play. However, the hosts would go cold from there scoring just three points down the stretch.

Williams sparked the backbreaking run scoring 13 of his 15 during that span, but it was Sheriff Deputy Rich Merrell's three-pointer that leveled the game at 49 with just over a minute to play. Both teams traded scoreless offensive possessions before Ostanek's heroics. The White Team took a 27-17 lead into the break behind eight points from Miller. The hosts employed a balanced offense as all eight players scored in the opening 20 minutes. Both teams shot 30 percent in the first half, but the White Team's defense proved tough picking up five steals and turning the Blue Team's mishaps into eight points.

A three-pointer by Connor Heslin handed the White Team an early 12-5 lead, however the combination of Ostanek and Brad Kaczynski helped the Blue Team keep the margin under 10. The White Team countered with a fastbreak layup by Miller on a nice outlet pass from Sienko pushing the lead to 12. An offensive rebound and putback by Kaczynski pulled the Blue Team within 10 at the half.

Miller led the White Team with eight first-half points, while Sienko pulled down an impressive 10 rebounds. Merrell kept the Blue Team within striking distance hitting three triples in the opening frame giving the sharpshooting guard nine points at the break.

In addition to Williams' game-high 15 points, Merrell added 12 going 4-of-8 from beyond the arc while Ostanek chipped in 11. Miller finished with a game-high 15 points for the White Team while Corrections Officer Denny Rowe scored 11 points and grabbed seven rebounds.

Scoring		1 st	2 nd	Final
Blue	-	17	34	51
White	-	27	22	49

Leading Scorers

- A. Williams (Blue) – 15 points
- J. Miller (White) – 15 points